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26.	Shri K. Pandian	Chennai	President, Pondicherry PYC, No. 8, 1st Cross, Palla Street, Murunga-pakkam, Pondicherry - 605004.
27.	Manick Tagoore	Chennai	31-AMegaloi Street, Sentamil Nagar, Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu
28.	Mayura Jay Kumar	Chennai	President, Tamil Nadu PYC, Coimbatore.

Pravasi Bhartiya Divas, 2007

172. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas for 2007 would be held in different cities every year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of migrant Indian labourers issued so far under the Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojana: (PBBY);

(d) whether Government propose to introduce new products with add-one features under the PBBY; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) The first and second Pravasi Bhartiya Divas have been held in Delhi, the third in Mumbai and the fourth in Hyderabad. The Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2007 is being held in Delhi.

(c) As per the information received from the Insurance Companies, whose products have been approved under the Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojana (PBBY), 2003 and PBBY, 2006, approximately 11.49 lakh insurance policies have been issued till 30.09.06.

(d) and (e) (i) The insurance cover has already been increased from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh payable to the nominee in the event of death or permanent disability of any Indian Emigrant who goes for employment purpose after obtaining emigration clearance.

(ii) Besides, an additional cover of minimum of Rs, 25,000/-is provided as legal expenses incurred by the emigrant in any litigation relating to his employment.

(iii) The family of emigrant worker in India shall be entitled to hospitalization cover in event of death or permanent disability of the insured person for a maximum of Rs. 25,000/- per annum from the earlier Rs. 10,000/-per annum.

(iv) The insured person is to be reimbursed actual one way economy class airfare if he falls sick or is declared medically unfit to commence or continue working and the service contract is terminated by the Foreign Employer within 12 month instead of 6 months of taking the insurance as provided in 2003 scheme.

Besides the above policy under the PBBY, an additional insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs at a nominal premium of Rs. 100/-to the workers going to Afghanistan for employment has been approved by the Ministry.

All these enhanced coverage are effective from February, 2006. At present there is no further proposal for any new product with add on features.

Establishment of Overseas Recruitment Agency

173. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Goa have approached the Union Government in the matter of establishing an Overseas Recruitment Agency in the State;

(b) the nature of the proposal made;

(c) whether Government propose to give financial, technical or other type of assistance to the State Government in this regard;

(d) whether such proposal have come from any other State;

(e) whether Government propose to draw any scheme to facilitate establishment of such agencies in other States; and